April 17, 2008, 5:15 p.m.

402.471.2067 Leah.bucco-white@nebraska.gov

Attorney General Bruning Announces Understanding With NEOC

Note: Attorney General Bruning will hold media availability tomorrow at 10:30 in Room 2115 in the Capitol.

(Lincoln, Neb) Attorney General Bruning today announced an understanding with the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission (NEOC) in the review and prosecution of housing discrimination cases. The agreement was reached this afternoon at a joint meeting in the Governor's office.

"I will not stand for discrimination. Today's meeting gives me confidence that we share a common goal of prosecuting only those cases where discrimination can be proven in court. I understand commission employees are hard-working people. We'll help the NEOC's staff better their investigations and build strong cases."

The NEOC and the Attorney General's office are working on a memorandum of understanding. We believe this agreement will address the concerns raised by HUD.

###